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Truck Kills CIA Couple In London

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LONDON, Sept. 15—A man and his wife were killed Monday in a street accident in Piccadilly were employees of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, it was learned yesterday.

The deaths were immediately reported to MI6—British equivalent of the CIA—and American Embassy security officials. They quickly confirmed there was no reason to suspect any more than an accident.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Collins, both 59, of Washington, was on the second day of a month's European holiday.

They had worked for the CIA since 1951 in "reasonable administrative positions at headquarters."

A van belonging to a West Kensington paper bag manufacturer was involved. An official of the firm said "our driver had just come out of the Hyde Park Corner underpass. Suddenly they were in front of him. He didn't even have time to brake."

Police think they may have forgotten that traffic here drives on the opposite side of the road from America—and looked left instead of right before stepping off the pavement.